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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace any prior version or listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

21 (currently amended). A sealing strip for sealing a gap between two parts, said sealing strip comprising:

a flexible layer having a first surface adhereable to one of said parts and a second surface sealingly engageable with the other of said parts;

an adhesive layer positioned on said first surface and adapted to adhere said first surface to said one part;

a cover sheet positioned over said adhesive layer and releasably attached thereto; and

a ~~pull~~ tear thread extending through the thickness of said cover sheet, one end of said ~~pull~~ tear thread protruding from one side of said cover sheet, an opposite end of said ~~pull~~ tear thread being positioned on an opposite side of said cover sheet, a planar anchoring element being attached to one of said ends of said ~~pull~~ tear thread and connecting said ~~pull~~ tear thread to said cover sheet for removing said cover sheet from said adhesive layer in one piece.

22 (currently amended). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said anchoring element extends substantially perpendicularly to said ~~pull~~ tear thread.

23 (currently amended). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said ~~pull~~ tear thread comprises a synthetic material.

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24 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

25 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

26 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

27 (currently amended). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said ~~pull~~ tear thread comprises a synthetic material.

28 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

29 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

30 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

31 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

32 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

33 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

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34 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

35 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

36 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

37 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

38 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

39 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

40 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

41 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

42 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

Claim 43 (canceled).